

**Holt County Sentinel,**  
Oregon, Missouri.  
FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 10, 1898.

**HOUSE AND FARM.**

PRACTICAL HOUSEKEEPERS, FARMERS, HORTICULTURISTS, AND STOCK BREEDERS, ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED TO CONTRIBUTE ARTICLES FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.

**TREES.**

OREGON, MO., Nov. 29th, 1897.

MR. EDITOR: As the subject of growing fruit trees is attracting much attention in our new and comparatively inexperienced county, I wish to call attention of our tree growers to a fact or two. Every man who goes to setting out trees here, gets a set of instructions, either verbal or printed, to govern him in the business. Now the point which I make is this: all the rules and instructions we get are the result of experience, derived from tree-growing in soils and climates very different from our own. We are in the habit of adopting the rules without considering the vast difference between our soil and climate and that of other regions. We are told that when we "plant our trees, we should cut off limbs enough to balance the loss of roots made in taking the tree up; also by no means to sow grass crops in our young orchards but to put in hoed crops and cultivate the ground industriously for the several first years after setting out." The writer of this has heard persons of great experience in this county declare against both practices. It certainly seems a pity to cut off, mangle and deform the beautiful young trees, and if not necessary here will be a subject of rejoicing. The reason given is that our soil being so favorable to the growth of roots any loss in taking up is soon replaced and the needful equipoise introduced. A gentleman of Whig Valley set in all his trees without cutting off any branches, and has met with astonishing success, while I know of others who pursued a different method in his neighborhood and whose trees have not done so well. In most of the States, and in most counties of this State, a few inches under the soil is found what is commonly called "the hard pan or joint clay," while the soil itself is of a hard compact nature; here the rich mellow soil extends from ten to sixty feet in depth, soft and yielding as a sand pile. Now the very reason generally given for not sowing grass and for cultivating the ground in young orchards, namely, to prevent the ground from becoming too hard and solid about the trees, is not applicable here—our soil is always loose enough under the sod of the prairie grass, and our young trees will grow too rampant if such ground were cultivated. It would therefore seem as though we were in danger of over cultivating our orchards. Is this so, or is it not? The writer of this does not pretend to be capable of answering. His object is to get some experience than himself, to give his views on the subject.

By the way, Mr. Editor, I have heard of a few young orchards being lately destroyed by rabbits. Certainly the owners were careless or did not take a newspaper, or they would have learned how to prevent such depredations. The simplest way is to dash blood mixed with asafetida around the lower parts with an old brush. The American Agriculturist says to rub liver on the part of the tree liable to be attacked is a sure preventive.

WASHINGTON'S CORN CRIB.—At a recent meeting of the Farmers' Club, New York city, a farmer from New Jersey described a corn crib that was constructed under the supervision of General Washington, which, he said, had always been "rat proof," and there had never been but one mouse in it. The crib was placed on high posts that were set several feet in the ground, with tin or sheet iron nailed around the posts at the upper ends, so that rats and mice could not climb the posts. Mr. Crane, of New Jersey, stated that he had such a crib, and it had kept the grain well every year for more than twenty years, and had been both rat and mouse proof.

A WALKING FEAT.—Mark Grayson, 23 years old, of medium size, weight 135 pounds, recently won a wager of \$500, by walking 100 miles within 24 consecutive hours, on the Leavenworth Kansas track. He beat the time 54 minutes and seemed to be but little fatigued.

**MASONIC.**

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT FROM THE BROTHERHOOD WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

**LODGE OFFICERS.**

THE following named officers were elected by Forest City Lodge, No. 214, on the 27th ult., and duly installed at the last regular communication, Saturday the 4th inst:

W. H. Williams, W. M.  
W. C. Harris, S. W.  
J. W. Zook, J. W.  
H. Patterson, Sec'y.  
R. J. Poindexter, Treas.  
John Hill, S. D.  
W. S. Canon, J. D.  
O. Graves, }  
W. L. Dillingham, } Stewards.  
C. P. Conklin, Tyler.

Brother Dorr, of the Rockport Journal, furnishes the following list of officers chosen for North Star Lodge, No. 157, of Rockport, on St. John's Day: F. M. Thompson, W. M. George Wood, S. W. John D. Dopf, J. W. Robert Hunter, Treasurer. L. H. Ruland, Secretary. Emanuel Small, S. D. James Tate, J. D. Jacob Hughes, } George Steck, } Stewards. Godfred Vohl, Tyler.

The installation took place immediately after the election.

BRO. ROBERT MORRIS, we learn from the National Freemason, is to embark, on the 15th of January, for a tour of the Holy Land. A full account of his travels will be published in that paper.

**ARAB MASON.**

George Augustus Sala, in his "Trip to Barbary by a Round about Route," speaking of the town of Mostaganen, says: "There is also a Franco-Arab School here and a Masonic lodge, with the odd title of the 'African Trinitosopist.' The Arabs, as you may have heard, are great at Freemasonry; but they will never enter the French lodges, and very rarely even will consent to communicate Masonically with a Christian. I have been told of instances of their so doing.

**IS IT WORTHY OF IMITATION?**

The Senate of the United States has, by its late action, abolished the prefix "Honorable" to the names of the Senators. Henceforward a Senator will be addressed as "Mr.," a plainer, chaster and more honorable title.

Shall not a similar reform ensue in our Masonic addresses, abolishing the "M. W.," "E.," "V. E.," &c? It is rhetorically objectionable and an offense against the canon forbidding tautology, to write or say "M. W." Grand Master. Is it not better to say Bro. ———, Grand Master. More in accordance with Masonic rhetoric and ancient usage? Let the name of the office be attached and omit superfluous and unmeaning prefixes, which, in the multiplication of our ceremonies and officers, constitute an incentive for our partially instructed brethren, who are affected too much by our forms and too little by the noble spirit of Freemasonry, to desire office and petty distinction.—[National Freemason.

THE CROSS CONSTANTINE SAW.—We are inclined to treat the whole account as a fable should remember that they either call in question the honesty of Eusebius, or cast a deep shadow over the bright and pure character which is generally attributed to the Emperor. We are not, it is true, happily, required either to deny or accept the miracle. One thing, however, is clear—the veriest skeptic cannot for one moment refute it—that sign which Constantine declared to have been figured to him in a vision, did become the acknowledged symbol of the Christian faith. It most certainly shone forth upon the banners that led the earlier believers to the battlefield, and beneath whose shade they fought for "victory." It most certainly, for long afterwards, was graven upon the rocky tombs of the faithful departed, who had fought the good fight, and who in Christ gained victory over death and hell.

"ABSURD!" exclaimed Bro. Shelton. "How can we be the brothers of kings?"

"Because," said Bro. Bell, "a king, like ourselves, is but a man; and the crown may adorn his head, and a sceptre his hand, yet the blood in his veins is derived from the common parent of mankind, and is no better than that of his meanest subject. But Freemasonry teaches us to regard our superiors with peculiar esteem when we see them divested of external grandeur, and condescending, in a badge of innocence and a bond of friendship, to trace wisdom and to follow virtue, assisted by those who are of a rank beneath them. Virtue is true nobility; wisdom is the channel by which virtue is directed and conveyed; wisdom and virtue only can distinguish us as Masons.

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NOTICES.  
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